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## Stalking Awareness Month: Know it. Name it. Stop it.

**Sacramento, CA** – Statement from Julie Nauman, Executive Officer of the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) regarding National Stalking Awareness Month.

“Stalking is not only a disturbing and devious crime, studies show that it has the potential to lead to far more violent crime. It is a ‘gateway’ crime that can become deadly. This month we commemorate National Stalking Awareness Month and in doing so, raise awareness of just how serious the crime of stalking can be.

“According to California law, stalking is willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly following or harassing another person. As with domestic violence relationships, stalkers may turn to violence when they do not feel that they are getting what they want or not getting the results they expected. Unlike many other emotional crimes of the heart, stalking is not an ‘in the heat of the moment’ crime. Over time, if not addressed, it can escalate to physical attacks, sexual assaults, kidnapping, and even murder.

“I encourage you to take a few moments to better understand some of the behaviors of stalking and learn about what you can do if you suspect stalking. Please visit [www.calvcp.ca.gov/issues/stalking](http://www.calvcp.ca.gov/issues/stalking) or [www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org](http://www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org) for more information on this frightening crime.”

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*The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP), a division of the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB), provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter.*

*If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds. The program is not taxpayer funded.*